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On the ball with the Manager

Welcome to today's visitors Tottenham Hotspur for the last game of this season - our first in Division One.

And it is perhaps fitting that we should end a season which has been memorable in many ways by coming up against one of the sides that left the Second Division with us last year.

Spurs got the better of us at White Hart Lane earlier in the season but we'll be out to redress the balance today. And when you think about it, but for the atrocious weather earlier in the year, our season would already have ended after our game against Villa here at Burnden last Saturday.

Looking back on the season, I suppose that it will be remembered by many people for the weather that caused so many games to be postponed.

I know our ground staff will remember it, for in one spell, they cleared the playing area of snow four times - and still it wasn't possible to play on it!

The season has been one for settling down in the higher grade - a league which has few equals in the world.

I feel we have acquitted ourselves well, particularly in front of our own fans here at Burnden.

And I want to compliment our supporters on the way they have got behind the side to encourage the players at some vital times.

The players have really appreciated it and have done their best to put Bolton in the forefront of soccer.

I feel they have succeeded to a great extent although one thing about soccer is that no matter who you are, you always have to try to do better next season.

We'll be doing just that, and on behalf of the directors, players, staff and all at Burnden I would like to thank everyone who has helped Bolton Wanderers in any way during the past season and I look forward to renewing the battle next season.

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out
and
retain**



Front page picture

Alan Gowling powers in a header at the Manchester United goal as the Wanderers completed the double over their old rivals.

★ Picture by Bolton Evening News

Welcome to...

Spurs' manager Keith Burkinshaw took the biggest gamble of his managerial life when he invested £750,000 in two of Argentina's World Cup stars last summer — Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa. At first his enterprising move appeared to be a spectacular failure as Spurs suffered some disastrous early results, including a 7-0 hiding at Liverpool.

Mr. Burkinshaw then made changes in defence, the team as a whole began to find its confidence and now they have consolidated themselves in the First Division.

The Spurs' boss was the first to take advantage in the relaxation in the laws regarding the signing of foreigners and he scooped all his rivals with his £750,000 bid. Midfield man Ardiles, whose former club was Huracan, was a member of Argentina's World Cup winning team; Villa, who came from Racing Club, was in the 22-strong squad though he didn't play in the final.

Both new signings went straight into the side at the beginning of the season, a situation that initially didn't go down well with some of the club's established stars. John Duncan, last season's top scorer, lost his place and has now moved on to Derby County. Neil McNab, the midfield man who stood down for Ardiles, made a fresh start with us.

Glen Hoddle, who had risen to the brink of the full England team with his powerful and skilful midfield displays, was dropped and then re-called in an

attacking role. The irony of the whole situation was that it was only after Mr. Burkinshaw had taken the bold decision to drop Ricardo Villa that Spurs' began to win games! Villa, a powerful midfield player who is a big favourite of the White Hart Lane crowd, played in the reserves for a spell.

The signing of full-back Gordon Smith from Aston Villa for £150,000 and the reversion of Hoddle to his old midfield role brought further changes in the Spurs' line-up, with Chris Jones being recalled to the attack.

Jones played with Colin Lee in the centre and Peter Taylor on the wing. Then Ardiles was moved forward into attack, with Hoddle partnering Steve Perryman and John Pratt in midfield.

The back four had been lining up with Don McAllister, John Lacy, Jimmy Holmes and John Gorman, but the arrival of Smith caused another shuffle. Gorman has since moved to America to join Tampa Bay Rowdies.

Two other players who could come into the reckoning today are Terry Naylor and Gerry Armstrong. Armstrong is in the rather frustrating position of being a regular member of Danny Blanchflower's Northern Ireland team, yet for much of the season has been unable to get a place in his club team!

Barry Daines, who spent so many years as the deputy to Pat Jennings, finally got his chance to take over last season after Jennings had moved on to Arsenal.

But this season he was struck down by injury and Mark Ken-

Tottenham Hotspur



Back Row: Chris Jones, Colin Lee, John Lacy, Ian Moores, Glenn Hoddle, Gerry Armstrong. Centre Row: Pat Welton (Asst. manager), Jim Holmes, John Duncan, (now Derby), Mark Kendall, Barry Daines, Don McAllister Terry Naylor, Keith Burkinshaw (manager). Front Row: Osvaldo Ardiles, Peter Taylor, John Gorman, Steve Perryman (Captain), John Pratt, Mike Stead, Neil McNab.

dall, the Welsh under-21 cap, was brought in for his First Division debut. Then Mr. Burkinshaw paid Luton £100,000 for Milija Aleksic.

Tottenham ended an unbroken run of 27 seasons in the First Division when they were relegated in 1977. Though they always looked good enough to regain their place at the first attempt, they had to endure a nerve-racking late challenge from Brighton and it was only by drawing their last game at Southampton — who were already

assured of promotion — that Tottenham clinched the third promotion place on goal difference.

They opened this season with a creditable 1-1 draw at Nottingham Forest but a few days later were shocked when beaten 4-1 at home by Aston Villa. Shortly after that they suffered that humiliating 7-0 reverse at Liverpool.

The revival was not long in coming, though. Now they have nicely re-established themselves as a First Division club.

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MARK KENDALL (Goalkeeper). Mark was picked for the Welsh under-21 side last season, before he had had the chance to play in Spurs' first team. An injury to Barry Daines gave him his opportunity in November this season and he has since been holding his place.

DON McALLISTER (Defender). Don is the former Bolton defender who began his League career here at Burnden Park. He joined Tottenham for £80,000 in 1975 and has proved his versatility by appearing in both full-back positions and at centre-back.

JOHN LACY (Defender). John, one of the tallest defenders in the First Division, was signed from Fulham last summer after an independent tribunal had ended an argument over the fee by fixing it at £200,000. John made his first appearances for Fulham in 1973.

JIMMY HOLMES (Defender). While with Coventry, Jimmy set up a new record for the Republic of Ireland by becoming the youngest player ever to win a full cap for that country — he was 17½ when he made his first appearance in 1971. Tottenham paid £120,000 for him two seasons ago.

GORDON SMITH (Defender). Gordon arrived at White Hart Lane a few weeks ago, transferring from Aston Villa for £150,000. He began his League career with St. Johnstone in 1972/73 and won Scottish under-23 honours while with them. Villa paid £75,000 for him in 1976.

TERRY NAYLOR (Defender). Terry has been in at right back for several games and is still very much a part of the senior squad. Terry has played over 200 League games for the club.

JOHN GORMAN (Defender). John was once a reserve player with Celtic and it was after signing for Carlisle that he came into League soccer in 1970. He became one of the Second Division's outstanding left-backs and Spurs paid £60,000 to sign him in 1976.

GERRY ARMSTRONG (Defender / Forward). Gerry is in the rather frustrating position of being a regular member of Danny Blanchflower's Northern Ireland team, yet being unable to get a place in his club team! Gerry has played in all three N. Ireland internationals this season at centre-forward,

OSVALDO ARDILES (Midfield). Osvaldo was a member of Argentina's World Cup winning team last summer and he was the subject of a combined transfer to Spurs, with Ricardo Villa, for £750,000. Osvaldo's previous club was Huracan and he has made a very big impact in English football with his superb ball skills.

RICARDO VILLA (Midfield). Ricardo, who came from Racing Club, was in the 22-strong Argentina squad though he didn't play in the final. Though he has often been named as substitute by Spurs — and has even played in the reserves — Ricardo stated quite emphatically last week that he intends to stay for the whole of his three-year contract.

GLEN HODDLE (Midfield). Glen came into the Spurs' side three seasons ago and is now a regular member of the England under-21 eleven.

STEVE PERRYMAN (Midfield). A former England youth and under-23 international, Steve has been in the Spurs' since his debut in 1969/70. Last season he moved back into an unfamiliar role as a central defender but now he is playing again in his old, and best, position in midfield.

JOHN PRATT (Midfield). John is now one of Spurs' longest-serving players. He made his first League appearance in 1968/69 and is now approaching his 300th League game. Ever-present last season.

COLIN LEE (Forward). Colin began as a defender with Bristol City but was never good enough to get into their first-team. He switched to a striking role and made his League debut while on loan to Hereford in 1974/75. Torquay United paid £8,000 for him in 1976 but sold him a year later to Spurs for £60,000.

PETER TAYLOR (Forward). Peter is still hoping to add to his four England caps which he gained in his Third Division days with Crystal Palace. Spurs signed him for £200,000 in 1976, soon after he had established himself in the England side, but he didn't enjoy a happy start to his First Division career and he lost his international place. Now he is approaching his old-style form again and he has scored nine goals this season.

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The Wanderer's players came proudly into the First Division as champions of the Second. They are pictured displaying the Second Division championship trophy as they arrived at a Civic Reception at the Town Hall.

It was the start of a real baptism of fire as the club moved back into the premier grade after a 14 year absence which included a couple of seasons in the Third Division.

Hopes were high, and the players, backed by a local crowd of supporters, produced some fine performances when it mattered to consolidate a place in the First Division.

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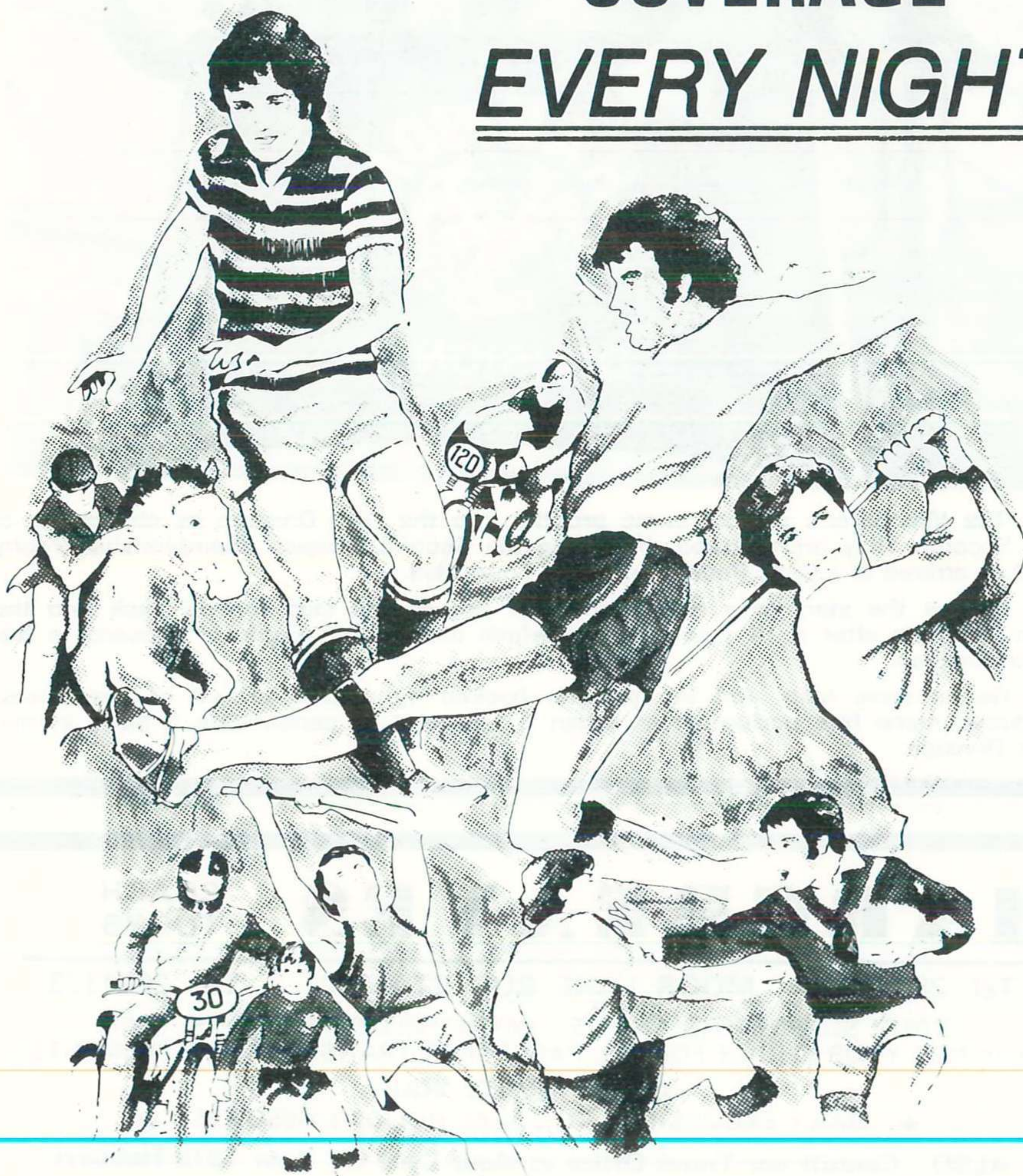
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The Burnden 'force'

After a couple of very near misses the Wanderers returned to the First Division — but after the first three matches, they were left wondering.

They had started their campaign with a home defeat against Bristol City and after a 2-2 draw at Southampton, they visited West Brom at the Hawthorns.

On the day, few club sides could have lived with Albion and they well deserved their 4-0 victory.

But that result gave the Wanderers new heart and determination and they picked up four points out of the next five beating Chelsea and Derby at home and drawing against Birmingham.

And while the side continued to find things very difficult away from home, they became a force to be reckoned with at Burnden beating Norwich 3-2 and Leeds United 3-1.

A pulsating game against Manchester City ended in a 2-2 draw and could easily have been another victory for the Wanderers with "goal twins" Alan Gowling and Frank Worthington hitting target.

But for the only time this season, as the Wanderers moved into November, they faltered at Burnden losing to West Brom 1-0 and also to Nottingham Forest, who were to win through to the European Cup Final, by the same scoreline.

After the Forest defeat, it was not until April 21 that the side went down at Burnden, this time 3-2 to Ipswich.

The weather played havoc with the fixtures and like many other clubs, the Wanderers found themselves with a backlog, which accounted for the last three games of the season being at home.

During the season, manager Ian Greaves made a couple of signings. In October he spent £240,000, a club record fee, on Spurs' midfield man Neil McNab and last month he went behind the Iron Curtain to land Polish striker Tadeusz Nowak.



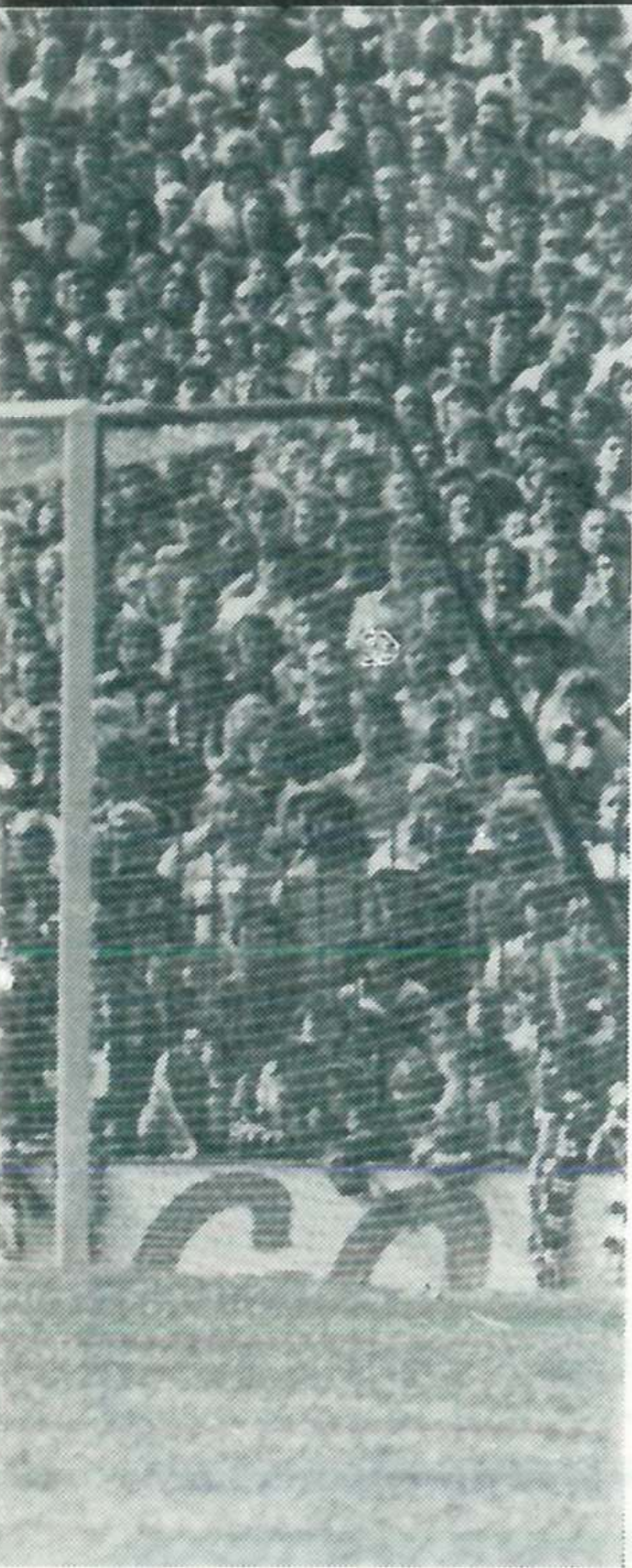
PETER REID

The season was marred when Wanderers' midfield man Peter Reid received a New Year's Day injury against Everton in a game abandoned because of a blizzard.

There have been many moments to remember — not least the Worthington "wonder goal" against Ipswich and the double over Manchester United.

And next season there will be more "magic moments" as the club continues to strive to produce the best on the field for the fans.





A couple of crackers!

The goal that broke the Wanderers' 'duck' in the First Division. Alan Gowling (left) shrugs off a tackle from Bristol City defender Norman Hunter to lash the ball into the net. Unfortunately, the Wanderers didn't start the new campaign with a win - they went down 2-1 to the Bristol side on the opening day.

Described quite rightly as 'the goal of the season', Frank Worthington (below) flicked the ball over his own head before volleying it into the net against Ipswich. The goal caught the Ipswich defender completely unawares and was enjoyed not only by the Bolton fans, but by countless TV viewers the following day.

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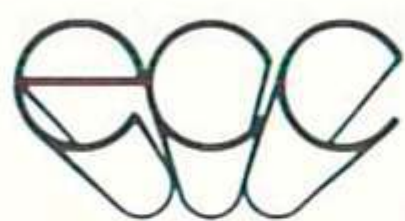
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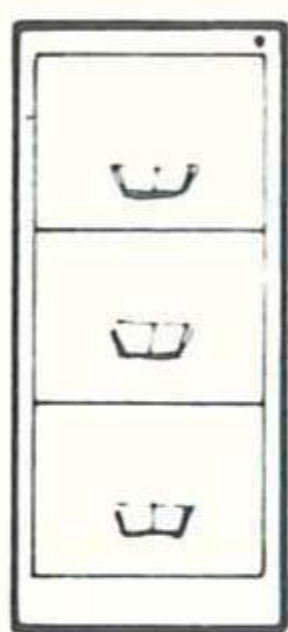


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JIM HEADRIGE

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Played for:	Clydebank
Came to Bolton:	July 1977 as physiotherapist
Memorable soccer moment:	Round the World trip with Middlesbrough
Ambition:	To see Bolton Wanderers go from strength to strength
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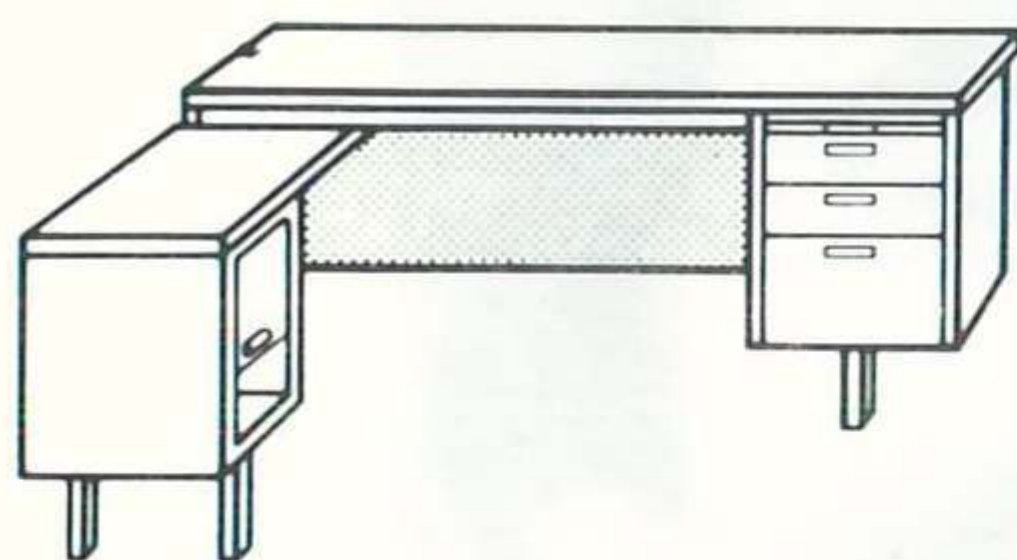
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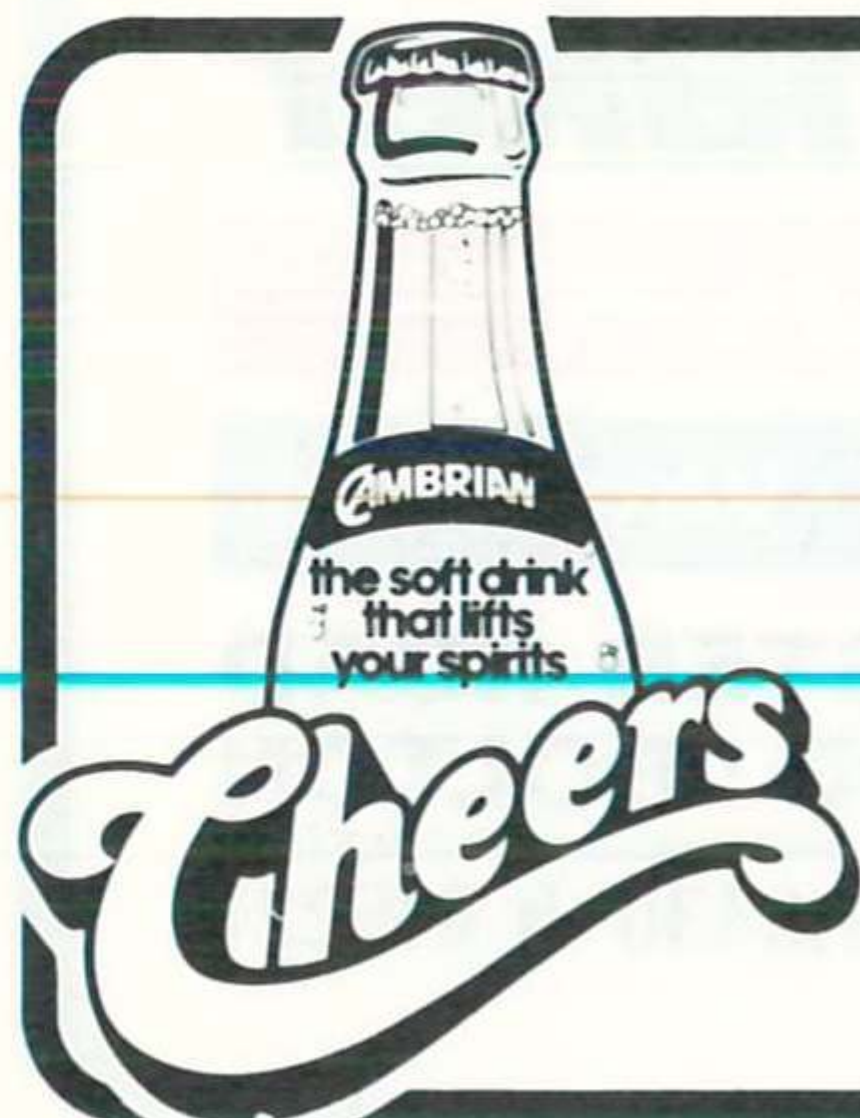
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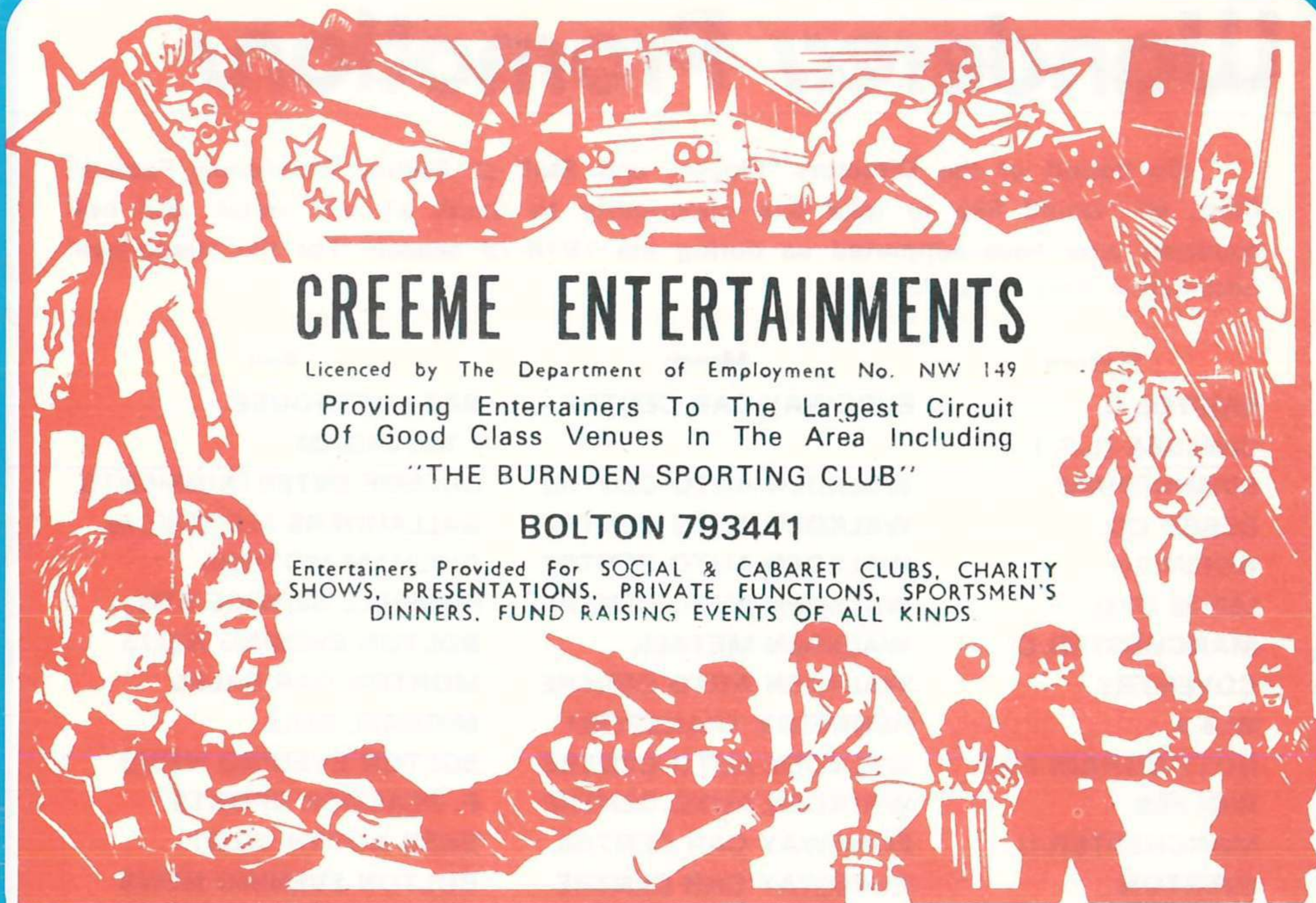
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Junior Whites out in Force



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One of the big success stories of the season has been the formation of the Junior Whites club. With Alan Gowling as chairman, the club, organised by executive club manager Nat Lofthouse has brought hundreds of youngsters under the wing of the Wanderers.

Three enrolment nights were held and the club was packed to the seams on each occasion. The players did their best to make things go with a swing by attending the sessions and signing autographs.

Our picture shows Neil Whatmore almost submerged by eager youngsters as he signs his picture in the club's official yearbook.



Tonight's referee Roger Kirkpatrick is officiating in the last Football League game of his career.

Mr Kirkpatrick has been one of the game's characters for many years, and has often been surrounded by controversy. But he has been an excellent referee and will be sadly missed in the game.

We wish him a happy retirement and every success in the future.



Secretary General of the Football League, Mr Alan Hardaker makes a presentation to Wanderers' full back Tony Dunne before the game against Liverpool. Tony received some cut glassware from the club in recognition of his five years' service since he signed from Manchester United.

His contract was cancelled after the game leaving him free to move to America where he will be playing this summer.

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Central League Fixtures for the 1978-79 season

		F	A	Pts.
Aug. 19	Stoke City	0	1	0
" 22	PRESTON	3	0	2
" 26	NEWCASTLE U.	0	3	2
" 30				
Sept. 2	West Brom A.	0	6	2
" 16	DERBY COUNTY	1	1	3
" 19	Wolves	1	5	3
" 23	Blackpool	4	0	5
" 26	Burnley	0	2	5
" 30	LIVERPOOL	2	5	5
Oct. 4				
" 7	Blackburn Rovers	0	2	5
" 14	LEEDS UNITED	1	1	6
" 21	Man City	1	1	7
" 28	SHEFF. WED.	2	1	9
Nov. 4	Coventry City	6	5	11
" 8				
" 11	STOKE CITY	2	2	12
" 18	Newcastle Utd.	1	3	12
" 25	Aston Villa	3	1	14
Dec 16	EVERTON	0	0	15
" 26	SHEFF. UTD.	0	0	16
" 30	MAN. UTD.	3	0	18
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Feb. 10	Liverpool	0	3	18
" 24	Leeds United	1	0	20
" 28	BURY	3	1	22
Mar. 3	MAN CITY	1	2	22
" 6	Huddersfield Town	0	1	22
" 10	Sheffield Wed.	3	1	23
" 14	WEST BROM	1	3	24
" 17	COVENTRY CITY	4	1	24
" 21	BLACKPOOL	1	6	25
" 24	Preston	1	1	25
" 31	ASTON VILLA	0	2	26
Apr. 7	Bury	3	0	28
" 10	BURNLEY	3	1	30
" 14	Sheffield Utd.	3	2	31
" 16	WOLVES	2	1	33
" 18	BLACKBURN	2	2	34
" 21	Everton	0	3	34
" 23	Derby County	0	2	34
" 25	HUDDERSFIELD	0	3	34
" 28	NOTTS. F.	0	0	35
May 5	Manchester U.	1	5	35

team check

WANDERERS

Shirts: White

Shorts: Blue

1. McDONAGH, Jim
2. NICHOLSON, Peter
3. BURKE, David
4. GREAVES, Roy
5. ALLARDYCE, Sam
6. WALSH, Mike
7. MORGAN, Willie
8. WHATMORE, Neil
9. McNAB, Neil
10. WORTHINGTON, Frank
11. GRAHAM, Mike

Sub:

TOTTENHAM

Shirts: Yellow

Shorts: Yellow

1. ALEKSIC, Milija
2. LEE, Colin
3. McALLISTER, Don
4. MILLER, Paul
5. LACY, John
6. PERRYMAN, Steve
7. PRATT, John
8. ARDILES, Osvaldo
9. JONES, Chris
10. HODDLE, Glen
11. VILLA, Ricardo

Sub:

Referee

R. KIRKPATRICK (Leicester)

Red Flag

G. JONES (Wirral)

Linesman

Yellow Flag

E. J. McNAMARA (Preston)

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